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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUGAR: POSSIBILITY OF A NEW ACT

REF: KINGSTON 00637

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH A DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE SAID: (A) HE SEES RELATIVELY LITTLE INTEREST IN A SUGAR BILL THIS YEAR; (B) HE IS RELUCTANT TO PUSH FOR A BILL UNLESS HE IS SURE OF ITS PASSAGE; (C) IF PRICES CONTINUE TO FALL PRESSURE FOR LEGISLATION MAY INCREASE; AND (D) THE COMMITTEE MAY DECIDE TO HOLD HEARINGS ON THE BROADER ASPECTS OF THE FUTURE OF SUGAR LEGISLATION, WITHOUT PROPOSING A BILL THIS SESSION OR GETTING INTO THE SPECIFICS OF A BILL OR OF INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS.

2. CONGRESSMAN BERGLAND (D-MINN) OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE IS REPORTED TO BE IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF DRAFTING A SUGAR BILL; HOWEVER, THE GENERAL CONSENSUS IS THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THIS OR OTHER DRAFTS IS SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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MONTHS AWAY AT BEST.

3. IN DISCUSSING SUGAR LEGISLATION WITH GOJ, EMBASSY SHOULD
AVOID REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES OR TO DE-
TAILS OF CONVERSATION REPORTED PARA 1, BUT SAY THAT IT IS
OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES PROSPECTS

FOR SUGAR LEGISLATION ARE SLIGHT. KISSINGER

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